

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

The upper side of the outwardly open receptacle space 19 may be limited by the bristle section 15, which includes the bristle clusters 20. Bristle clusters 20 are essentially quadrangular or trapezoidal in cross section and are slightly inclined toward a front point 38 of toothbrush head 3. The free ends of the front bristle clusters 20 protrude upward beyond the contour of the toothbrush head 3. The bristle section 15 can act like a closed, thick bristle cluster that reaches the rearmost molars particularly well during the brushing process due to its inclination. In addition, the individual cross sections of the front bristle clusters 20 and therefore also the overall cross section that forms the bristle section 15 are larger per surface unit compared to the entire brushing surface 6. Accordingly, ~~the front~~ the front bristle clusters 20 can generate a higher resistance to the tooth surfaces during the brushing of the rear molar regions and the rear molars are cleaned particularly well.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 32 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment, a retaining ring may be inserted into a groove on the free end of pin 23 after attaching the toothbrush head 3 to the bearing head 43. The retaining ring can be supported on the rear side 21 of the toothbrush head 3 and thus holds the toothbrush head 3 on the handle 2 in a pivoted fashion. Alternatively, ~~[[a]]~~ the pin 23 may include a transverse bore for accommodating a cotter pin. It should be appreciated that screw connections or other conventional mounting means may alternatively or additionally be used to mount the toothbrush head 3 on the handle 2. In certain embodiments, mounting parts to be used are made of plastic.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 6, the toothbrush head 3 is mounted on the handle 2 in a rotatable fashion by a pin 23. In this embodiment, the spring element 26 is a coil spring. The spring element (e.g., coil ~~spring~~ spring) 26 is inserted into a receptacle space 54 arranged on the handle 2, wherein a stopping element 27 engages into the region of a central winding of the coil spring. If the toothbrush head 3 is pivoted to the left or the right about the pin 23, the corresponding outer stopping surface 28 or 29 engages on a spring winding such that a corresponding section of the spring 26 is prestressed while the other section is relieved. The spring element 26 is laterally supported on the stopping surfaces 71, 72 in the receptacle space 54. The prestress of one half of the spring element 26 pivots the toothbrush head 3 back into its unpivoted position shown in Figure 6 after it is released. In this embodiment, the spring element 26 may include a wire spring that is coiled or injection-molded of plastic.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 33 with the following amended paragraph:

If the toothbrush head 3 is turned in the clockwise direction, the upper right and lower left elastomers 64 and 62 are prestressed while the two other elastomers 63 and 61 lie free. If the toothbrush head 3 is turned in the counterclockwise direction, the exact opposite conditions occur and the elastomers 63, 61 are prestressed while the elastomers 64, 62 are relieved.